

CLAIMS

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3 1. A jewelry clasp for gripping the post of a piece of jewelry, said jewelry clasp
4 comprising:

5 a. A base plate having a first surface for facing toward said piece of
6 jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece of jewelry,
7 an opening in said base plate for passing a jewelry post there through;

8 b. At least one spring finger extending outwardly from said second surface
9 to a position where a portion of the spring finger can frictionally engage a
10 side surface of a jewelry post when said post is passed through said
11 opening;

12 c. At least one user gripping tab extending outwardly from said base plate
13 second surface to a position where said gripping tab can be gripped by a
14 user for removal of said jewelry clasp from said post.

15 d. At least one metal separator cast or stamped in a shape that clears the
16 post, said separator being affixed, suspended, between the gripping tabs.

17 2. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 in which said base plate is substantially circular and
18 said at least one spring finger is a pair of spring fingers extending substantially
19 from the twelve o'clock and six o'clock positions thereon and said at least one
20 ~~gripping~~ tab is a pair of gripping tabs extending substantially from the three
21 o'clock and the nine o'clock positions thereon.

22 3. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs are separated by a metal
23 separator of a shape which clears the post with room to spare.

- 1 4. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is secured to gripping tabs by
2 hard solder.
- 3 5. The jewelry clasp of claim 3 in which said separator is stamped as one piece with
4 correct spacing.
- 5 6. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said pair of gripping tabs extends farther
6 outward than said spring fingers.
- 7 7. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said pair of gripping tabs has
8 a greater width than either of said spring fingers.
- 9 8. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which said gripping tabs have an indentation or
10 dip in the material of the gripping tabs to facilitate gripping thereof.
- 11 9. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which at least one of said gripping tabs is a shaped
12 piece of metal secured to said base plate.
- 13 10. The jewelry clasp of claim 2 in which the opening in said base plate is centrally
14 located and said base plate's surface has a funnel shaped depressed area around
15 said opening to facilitate entry of a jewelry post into said opening.
- 16 11. A clasp for gripping a post extending from the back of a piece of jewelry said
17 clasp comprising:
- 18 a. a generally circular base plate having a first surface for facing toward
19 said piece of jewelry and a second surface for facing away from said piece
20 of jewelry, a centrally located opening in said base plate for passing a
21 jewelry post there through;
- 22 b. a pair of opposed spring fingers on said second surface positioned to
23 frictionally engage opposed sides of a jewelry post when said post is

1 passed through said opening;

2 c. a pair of opposed user gripping tabs extending outwardly from said

3 second surface to a position where said tabs can be gripped by a user for

4 removal of said clasp from said jewelry post, said tabs being spaced away

5 from said spring fingers, and being of a distinctive shape from said spring

6 fingers;

7 d. a metal separator of a shape which keeps said tabs from being

8 squeezed together by the pressure of the user's grip.

9 12. The jewelry clasp of claim 1 including at least one earring stabilizer extending

10 radially outward from said base plate.

11 13. The jewelry clasp of claim 12 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and

12 second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at

13 least one of said first and second extension bars.

14 14. The jewelry clasp of claim 13 in which first and second bars project radially

15 outward from said base plate at a position adjacent one of said gripping tabs.

16 15. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 including at least one earring stabilizer extending

17 radially outward from said base plate.

18 16. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said earring stabilizer includes first and

19 second generally parallel extension bars and a stabilizing member connected to at

20 least one of said first and second extension bars.

21 17. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second extension bars

22 project radially outward from said base plate at a position adjacent to one of said

23 gripping tabs.

1 18. The jewelry clasp of claim 11 in which said first and second exterior bars are
2 secured to said plates by solder.

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